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CONDITION OF MARGINAL AND MEDIUM FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any specific schemes to improve the condition of marginal and medium farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the condition of the marginal farmers has not improved despite the efforts of the Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing variousschemes for increasing the production and productivity of agricultural output and they are meant for all categories of farmers. These schemes provide assistance in various components and some of the components give special consideration to certain category of farmers such as small and marginal farmers.

The Government also implements schemes for price and market support which, inter alia, helps in strengthening the farm income and economic conditions of the farmers. These schemes cover all categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers.